



# Fiction Around the World

## African

Achebe, Chinua (Nigeria) (Fic ACH)

*Things Fall Apart*

Set in an Ibo Village in Nigeria, the novel recreates pre-Christian tribal life and shows how the coming of the white man led to the breaking up of the old ways.

Gordimer, Nadine (South Africa)

Khadra, Yasmina (Algeria)

frequent Iraq/Afghanistan settings

Mahfouz, Naguib (Egypt)

Matar, Hisham (Libya)

## Asian

Eng, Tan Twan (Malaysia)

Jin, Ha (Chinese-American)

Murakami, Haruki (Japan)

*After Dark*

A nineteen-year old college student has a series of unusual encounters over the course of a seven hour Tokyo night. Darkly entertaining, magical-realist twists of fate. (Fic MUR)

## Australia & New Zealand

Coetzee, J.M. (Australia/South Africa)

Jones, Lloyd - *Mister Pip* (New Zealand)

Le, Nam - *The Boat* (Australia/Vietnam)

## European

Akunin, Boris (Russian historical mysteries)

Calvino, Italo (Italy)

Camilleri, Andrea (Sicilian mysteries)

Duras, Marguerite - *Summer Rain* (France)

Eco, Umberto (Italy)

Kundera, Milan (Czechoslovakia)

Moers, Walter (Germany)

Nemirovsky, Irene (France)

Saramago, Jose (Portugal) (Fic SAR)

*Blindness*

Chaos ensues when a city is struck with an epidemic of blindness in which its victims see only white.

Schlink, Bernhard - *The Reader* (Germany)

Suskind, Patrick - *Perfume* (Germany)

Wander, Fred - *The Seventh Well* (Austria)

## Latin American

Allende, Isabel (Chile)

Amado, Jorge (Brazil)

Bolano, Roberto - *By Night in Chile* (Chile)

Esquivel, Laura (Mexico)

Garcia Marquez, Gabriel (Colombia)

Llosa, Mario Vargas (Brazil)

## Indian

Adiga, Aravind - *The White Tiger*

Chandra, Vikram - *Sacred Games*

Desai, Kiran - *The Inheritance of Loss*

Ghosh, Amitav - *The Hungry Tide*

Mistry, Rohinton (India/Canada)

Roy, Arundhati - *The God of Small Things*

Seth, Vikram - *An Equal Music* (Fic SET)

*A Suitable Boy*

The story of four large extended families in 1950's India set against the political and religious upheavals of the time.

## Middle Eastern

Ballas, Shimon - *Outcast* (Iraq/Israel)

Hosseini, Khaled (Afghanistan)

Oz, Amos - *Don't Call it Night* (Israel)

Pamuk, Orhan - *Snow* (Turkey)

Yehoshua, Abraham B. (Israel) (Fic YEH)

*The Liberated Bride*

A professor of Near Eastern Studies tries to come to terms with both the Israeli-Palestinian turmoil in his world and the mystery of his son's divorce. It is within the daily lives of ordinary people that the larger issues are illuminated.

## Nordic

Hoeg, Peter (Denmark)

Arnaldur Indridason (Icelandic mysteries)

Halldor Laxness (Iceland) (Fic HAL)

*Independent People*

Bjartur, a sheep farmer, has just finished an eighteen year servitude and looks forward to living and working for himself and enjoying his freedom, but when his daughter decides to exercise her freedom it leads to a battle of wills between father and daughter.

Mankell, Henning (Swedish mysteries)

Nesser, Hakan (Swedish mysteries)

Pettersen, Per (Norway)

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